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1. A train, coming from the direction of GOTH A (M 51/J 06), proceeded in the direction of ERFURT (M 51/J 36) about 11 p.m. The train consisted of thirty-five flatcars, loaded with trucks, passenger cars and sidecar motorcycles, and of five boxcars occupied by troops.

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2. a. A train of about sixty cars was observed at the ERFURT main station about 3 p.m. About fifty flatcars were loaded with thirty-five trucks, ten "Dodge II", jeeps and fifteen to twenty 76.2-mm guns with muzzle brakes.

- b. Ten boxcars were occupied by troops wearing black-bordered, red epaulets. The officers observed on the train wore silver-bordered, red epaulets.

Comment:

- a. Some units probably returned to their military posts from summer maneuvers (presumably held in the area of OHRDRUF) in early August 1949.

- b. motor vehicles of the 20th Gds Mecz Div were on the train which was observed in ERFURT on 8 August 1949.

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